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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/19/71

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (47-7946) C

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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JAMES EARL RAY

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM re captioned Subject and two copies each of photo and rap sheet on Subject for possible dissemination to IRS and BNDD, Washingt D. C. Enclosed for each receiving office are one copy of the LHM, two copies of the Fd-302 reflecting interview with Subject one photo of Subject, and one copy of FBI Identification record [redacted] n Subject.

All offices known to have had prior contact with Subject are included in distribution. One copy each of LHM, photo and rap sheet are being forwarded to IRS, San Francisco, 450 Golden Gate Avenue.

AUSA HAZARD's opinion is being confirmed by separate communication.

CONSIDER SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS, INASMUCH AS IN 1967, HE WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON BY THE HARTFORD, CONN., PD.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

July 19, 1971

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IMPERSONATION

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to IRS, San Francisco.

On June 10, 1971, [redacted] San Francisco, California, appeared at the San Francisco Office of the FBI and alleged that an individual named [redacted] had been representing himself to her and her roommate, [redacted], as a "secret government agent," working for the FBI and other agencies. [redacted] further alleged that [redacted] had obtained money from [redacted] on the basis of this representation and that [redacted] plans to marry [redacted]

On June 10, 1971, [redacted] was interviewed by Bureau agents at the above address. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had indicated to her that he was affiliated with the Justice Department and Treasury Department as a federal law enforcement agent. She admitted she had given him money, but it was given to him because he told her his funds were presently "frozen" due to legal problems rather than because of any alleged impersonation. She said that she had recently accompanied [redacted] to the offices of Internal Revenue Service, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, and waited in the lobby, while he allegedly transacted business there with his associates.

On June 10, 1971, Special Agent [redacted] Internal Revenue Service, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, identified [redacted] as an individual who had contacted his office several weeks before, using the name [redacted] and attempting to impart what he thought to be useful information. Special Agent [redacted] stated that [redacted] information on this occasion was judged to be fictitious and worthless, as was the case with information obtained from [redacted] on previous occasions by Internal Revenue Service in San Francisco, Sacramento, and several Eastern offices.

On June 11, 1971, [redacted] was interviewed by FBI agents at San Francisco. During this interview, [redacted] denied

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having ever represented himself to anyone at any time as a federal law enforcement agent. He stated he merely "helps" the federal government from time to time. Names and addresses in his possession at time of interview included the following:

[redacted], Treasury Agent, New York, [redacted]

[redacted] Special Agent, Internal Revenue Serivce, Atlantic City, New Jersey, [redacted]

[redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, [redacted] and [redacted]

A review of the San Francisco FBI files reveals that in the past [redacted] has been known to furnish inaccurate and unreliable information to the San Francisco, Philadelphia, New York and Newark Offices of the FBI.

The facts of this matter were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JAMES L. HAZARD, San Francisco on July 12, 1971. Mr. HAZARD stated that he would decline prosecution in this matter inasmuch as there is insufficient evidence that [redacted] tually represented himself to be a federal agent or that anything of value was obtained through such alleged representation.

[redacted]s described as follows:

Name: [redacted]
Aliases: [redacted]

Sex: Male
Race: White
Reeent Addresses: [redacted] San Francisco, California,
[redacted]
Long Island, New York,
[redacted]
New Jersey (home of stepparents
[redacted]

ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL

Dates of Birth:	4/23/31; 2/23/33; 1/23/35; 2/23/35; 8/30/35; 2/23/36; 2/23/38.
Places of Birth:	Atlantic City, New Jersey; Saratoga Springs, New York; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Height:	5'8"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair:	Brown, medium length
Eyes:	Brown
Scars:	2" cut outer left eye; cut on top left lip; 1" cut on lower right check
Complexion:	Medium
Occupations:	Cook, painter, laborer
Wife:	[redacted] Santa Rosa, California
FBI #:	[redacted]

CONSIDER [redacted] ARMED AND DANGEROUS, INASMUCH AS IN 1967, HE WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON BY THE HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, POLICE DEPARTMENT.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/22/71

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[redacted] Sunnyside, Long Island, New York, entered the office of the FBI, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, at the request of SA [redacted] was promptly advised of the identities of SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] and of his rights, as shown on the executed Advice of Rights form.

[redacted] provided the following information to SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

All his identification papers are in New York. He is not now, or ever has been, any type of federal agent. He stated he merely told [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] that he "helps" the government from time to time. He was employed by [redacted], Sunnyside, Long Island, New York, as a cook until about a year ago.

[redacted] provided an address book with the following names, addresses, and numbers, and stated he has been in contact with these persons in the past:

[redacted], SA, FBI, Philadelphia, [redacted]

[redacted] (phonetic), Treasury Agent, New York, [redacted]

[redacted] SA, IRS, Atlantic City, [redacted]

[redacted] SA, Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Philadelphia, [redacted]

[redacted], County Investigator, Detective Division, Prosecutor's Office, Guarantee Trust Buildir Atlantic City, New Jersey, [redacted]

On 6/11/71 at San Francisco, California File # SF 47-7946

by SA [redacted] kle Date dictated 6/17/71

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[redacted], Lawyer, Market Street,
San Francisco

[redacted] had in his possession two New Jersey car titles in the name [redacted] Pleasantville, New Jersey. One was title number [redacted] 1959 Morris Wagon, New Jersey [redacted] dated 9/16/69. The other was title number [redacted] 1957 Cadillac, New Jersey [redacted] dated June 17, 1969.

Following the interview [redacted] was advised by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] of the penalty involved in impersonating a federal law enforcement agent.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Name:	[redacted]
Aliases:	[redacted]
Address:	[redacted] Sunnyside, Long Island, New York; [redacted] Atlantic, New Jersey (home of step parents) [redacted]
Date of birth:	February [redacted]
Place of birth:	Atlantic City, New Jersey
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	165
Hair:	Dark brown, medium length
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Scars:	2" cut outer left eye cut on top left lip 1" cut on lower right cheek

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Arrests: Atlantic City, San Francisco, New York, New Orleans, in 1950s and 1960s. Served time in Atlantic County Jail New Jersey, New Jersey State Prison, and Rakers (phonetic) Island, New York.

Wife: [redacted]
Santa Rosa, California

Children: [redacted]

Military service: None, draft board in Atlantic City